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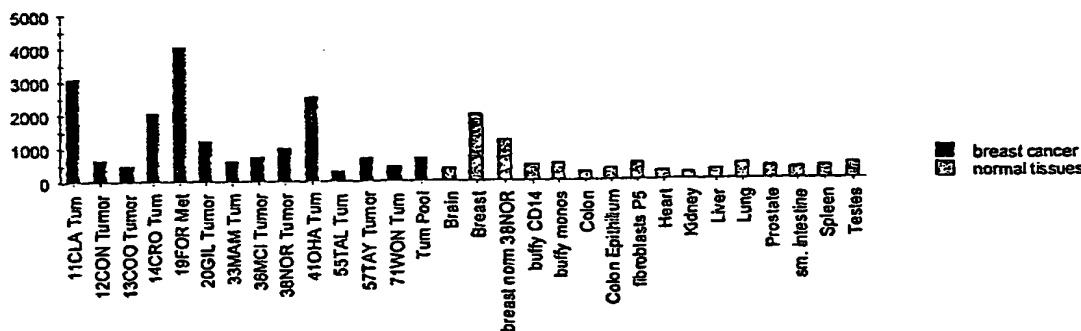
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(54) Title: **METHODS OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING BREAST CANCER**

(57) Abstract: Described herein are methods that can be used for diagnosis and prognosis of breast cancer. Also described herein are methods that can be used to screen candidate bioactive agents for the ability to modulate breast cancer. Additionally, methods and molecular targets (genes and their products) for therapeutic intervention in breast and other cancers are described. The methods involve the use of proteins like BCH1.

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Although claims 28,31-34 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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Method of screening drug candidates involving BCA2
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Method of screening drug candidates involving BCJ7
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Method of screening drug candidates involving BCN1
5. Claims: 1-3,6,7,15 (partially)
Method of screening drug candidates involving BCN5
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Method of screening drug candidates involving BC02
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Method of screening drug candidates involving BCR2
9. Claims: 1-3,6,7,15 (partially)
Method of screening drug candidates involving BCX2
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